

In 1943, the general levy for town purposes was 17 and one-quarter mills. This year it is 30.80 mills. The ratepayers would not object to the increased tax rate if they were getting value for their money but they are not getting anything now that they were not getting five years ago.

**APRIL 15th, 1948** - The old Fire Hall and Jail at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Main Street, which has served the town for the past forty years, has been sold and is being torn down. The location has been sold and a new hotel will be built there this summer. The new Fire Hall and Jail will be located on the back end of the lot at the corner of Fifth Avenue N., and First Street N., behind the Health Unit building. It is understood this will be in the nature of a temporary building, pending the erection of the new town hall.

**APRIL 22nd** - The project in horse breeding by artificial insemination, which was undertaken in 1945, is being discontinued in 1948 after three years of operation. Results of the first two years of operation show that 283 mares were inseminated. Total number of foals produced was forty-three.

**MAY 27th** - At the meeting of the directors of Swan River Rotary Club last Thursday evening, Bert Corbett, chairman of the committee appointed to look after the establishing of a public park at the old tourist camp site, reported that a survey of the property was about completed.

At their meeting last week, Town Council passed a resolution calling upon the Hospital Board to proceed immediately with the construction of the hospital authorized by the ratepayers over a year ago.

Construction on the new hotel in Benito began on Monday.

**JUNE 10th** - The Directors of the Agricultural Society appointed Dr. T. Rutledge and S. J. Wray as a committee to go ahead with plans for building a Grandstand and Race Track on the Agricultural Grounds.

**JULY 29th** - Now that the proceedings of the Golden Jubilee Celebration are over, the satisfaction of a task well done has settled over the weary, but happy members of the committee. The proud wearers of the golden ribbons were not very numerous; a few we expected, like the venerable John Hannah, were unable to come; more were silent in their graves over which an impressive memorial service was the fitting tribute they deserved from us who inherit the blessings of their toil.

Included in the parade with its array of ancient cars, steam engine, covered wagon, settlers' effects, log cabins, etc., was an item which linked the two periods. It was the West Favelle school district pupils with their banner depicting its original school built in 1901, a year following the formation of the district.

**AUGUST 26th** - Between 500 and 600 people attended the official opening of English Bros., new and modern garage on 6th Avenue South, on August 19th. Officials from Massey Harris Company and the Chrysler Corporation were in attendance.

**SEPTEMBER 23rd** - One of the most important things noticed in towns all over the country, seems to be the way they are lit up at night. The Swan River Main Street is very dark and miserable looking under the present number of street lights.

**OCTOBER 14th** - The new Chamber of Commerce, the old Board of Trade under the new name, is making a drive to get members from the surrounding districts into their ranks. Most of the work of the Chamber of Commerce affects the rural districts fully as much as the town and they should be represented.

**NOVEMBER 4th, 1948** - The citizens of Swan River got a bad scare last Sunday when the Co-op Warehouse and Store went up in smoke.